

# WISHAW GOLF CLUB WORLD

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## Latest News on the Clubhouse Alterations

Members will be pleased to know that planning approval (with conditions) has now finally been granted for the major alterations and extensions to the clubhouse.

You will note that the approval has some conditions attached of which one is a little unusual so, for information, members will now have the facility to park their bicycles (yes really). I'm sure this is to encourage members' fitness (try carrying your golf bag on a bike). Others are, no live music will be allowed on the patio (so no singing please either) and the balcony cannot be used after 9.00pm.

Planning is the first and perhaps most important hurdle achieved but there are still many other requirements that have to be addressed such as building regulations, procurement of quantity surveyors, structural engineers and contractors before work can commence.

It is hoped that work will be able to start on site in late summer and will last for at least 5 to 6 months, if all goes according to plan.

It was hoped that the alterations would have been under way by now but the previous plans that you saw had to be altered dramatically in order that we meet the demands for the future of the Club.

The main alterations in brief consist of removal of the conservatory and construction of a substantial golf sports injury facility together with a large extension to the clubhouse lounge, to include a balcony across the whole of the new extensions which will give members a much needed view over the course and the formation of a new patio where the putting green is currently. Other works in brief will include a doubling in size of the men's changing room area, formation of a meeting room together with an enlarged golf shop and improvements to the ladies' facilities.

With all this proposed work in all areas of the clubhouse there will be some disruption at times to the operating of the clubhouse although we hope it will not necessitate any closure so please bear with us when the work starts.

In addition to all the development work that is ongoing with the course, this a massive investment in the club from the owners and shows their continued commitment, investment and faith in promoting its long-term future.

**Please repair all pitch marks and divots, rake bunkers and avoid slow play at all times.**

## PRESENTATION NIGHT 2022

Finally, after 3 long years we were able to hold a Presentation Evening at the Golf Club. It was very well-attended and there were favourable reports on the evening from the Members.

Having finally run out of Winners' medals, the recipients this year were given a choice between glassware and money in their shop account. Most

did opt for the money but those who opted to receive the engraved glasses seemed very pleased with their awards.

During the 2 year Captaincy of Neil Radford and Vicki Haden, the Club raised over £6,000, including some which was raised at various away days and weekends during their tenure.



The photograph on the left shows the cheque being presented on Presentation Evening to a representative of MacMillan Nurses who were extremely grateful for such a large donation.

Hopefully, Paul Williams and Sue Franklin will be able to raise, with your help, a substantial donation to their chosen charity, the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Paul has chosen the 3 greenside bunkers on Hole 5 as the Captain's Bunkers, so if you go into any of the bunkers on Hole 5, please put your donation into the bottle in the Clubhouse.

Captain's Day on 2nd July will also be a good opportunity for you to part with your money for this very worthy cause with raffles and other events being organised, along with the very popular cake stall which we had for the past 2 years. Those home-made cakes will also keep you going for the rest of your round.



## CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

I shan't apologise for praising Richard and the greenkeeping staff again for the work they have been putting in. Together with the owner's investment the result is that the course and its condition is the best we have ever seen.

It is a real pleasure to play it and to hear the compliments from visitors; especially with the off-course additions of the new practice green, simulator and the new construction work around the clubhouse being granted the go-ahead.

2<sup>nd</sup> July is Captain's Day. We are all really looking forward to it. It's great that there is competition again for the Captain's Putter and Lady Captain's Trophy. Together with the evening presentation we are trying to get back to a more traditional event. So fingers crossed that it is successful both for the members and our charity.

Just a quick word of thanks to members around the club that put their own time and effort in to help and support the club and the club causes. Many thanks and well done to you all.

## JUST WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT



Who said the Age of Chivalry is dead? Not at Wishaw Golf Club it isn't! This was proved recently on one sunny Saturday when Jayne Proud turned up to play golf and realised she'd forgotten her cap. Not wishing to risk sunstroke, Jayne proceeded to ask the rest of us in the group whether we had a spare with us. No one had. The conversation however, was overheard by a nearby golfer who very gallantly offered Jayne a cap. The picture on the left shows Jayne wearing this cap which kept the sun off her for the round of golf. She looked for her saviour when she came off the course to return his cap but he was nowhere to be seen.

Weeks later, Jayne returned the cap to this true gentleman. Hopefully, he suffered no ill effects from being separated from his headware!

It's heartening to know that there are still gentlemen out there and by the way, I don't mind doors being held open for me!

# PUZZLE PAGE

## How well do you know your course?

*You carry a score card with you each time you play which has the names of each hole.*

Question 1. *What is the name of the 10th hole.*

Question 2. *Where was this picture taken*



Now for a few anagrams

*Name the famous golfers*

Question 3. Towed Woes

Question 4. Algebra Crane

Question 5. Rescued Flop

Now for some trivia

Question 6. *Which year was golf's last appearance in the Olympic games before returning in 2016?*

Question 7. *Which Major has Rory McIlroy not won?*

Question 8. *In which country will the 2022 Ryder Cup be held?*

Question 9. *Tiger Woods was born in which US state?*

Question 10. *Royal St George's Golf Club is based in which English town?*

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# A FEW BASIC RULES

## Teeing Off

You must tee the ball up **behind** the line created by the tee markers. It can be anywhere between the two markers and as far back as the length of two drivers.

## Playing the Hole

You must play the ball as **it lies** and not move it.

You cannot make the lie better, by pressing down the surface behind the ball or breaking or bending branches to make it easier to hit the ball.

You can pick up sticks, stones, leaves, rocks, boulders, feathers, dead grass, pine needles that are around your ball, but make sure not to move your ball, otherwise that's a penalty.

## Out of Bounds

A ball hit outside the course boundary (usually marked by white stakes) must be replayed from where your previous shot was taken, adding **ONE** penalty stroke.

## In Bunkers

Do not ground your club.

Do not rake or use your fingers to test the sand before your shot.

You can remove impediments like leaves and stones.

## Dropping the ball

Stand up straight and bend from the waist to drop the ball from knee height.

If your ball rolls into the hazard, or area where you are dropping from, retrieve and drop again. If after **TWO** drops and the ball still rolls into the hazard or area, then you can place it.

## On the Green

You can move away loose impediments eg stones, sand, gravel or leaves on your line.

You are allowed to repair almost any damage on the green, such as spike marks, ball marks, indentations from a club or flagstick and animal damage, but **NOT** aerations holes, natural surface imperfections or natural wear of the hole.

You cannot test the surface of the green by scraping, rubbing or rolling the ball across it.

Next time: Taking Relief and dropping from water hazards

**Acknowledgements:** All the above information was reproduced from a booklet issued to the Ladies and prepared by Barb Kelsey, Sue Franklin and Jayne Proud.



## NEWS FROM THE VICE CAPTAIN

As this is my first input into the newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to say how pleased I am to be your Club Vice Captain I am really looking forward to the coming couple of years assisting Paul in his Captain's role and then hopefully taking on the Captain's role myself.

I am also currently the West Midlands team Captain and at the time of writing this we have played six matches but unfortunately, we have lost all six with some really tight games amongst the defeats, on a plus side I have made an effort this year to give everybody who replied to the email a chance to represent the Club which I have now managed to achieve. We have had very good comments from the visiting clubs regarding all the work that has been done on the course over the last 12 months.

Part of my role as Vice Captain is to organise the Denstone Trophy which this year is away at Denstone College near Derby so I will be looking for players to represent Wishaw, the date for this is the 20<sup>th</sup> August and I will be looking for 12 players with no restrictions on handicap so if you fancy playing, please let me know via the sheet on the wall in the Club house or in person.

Lastly, I will be looking to start up the Friday Fiddle in the next couple of weeks where we play 10 holes and have a drink together with the bonus of a little bit of prize money. The date for this will be confirmed shortly.

Darren Whitehouse.

## What the Captain did in Wales!



It looks as though Paul may have been shopping for some new furniture while he was away in Wales the other weekend. Clearly looking to add to the ambience in the new clubhouse.

I don't think this would be available in Ikea, but just in case it is, could we please have volunteers, preferably with proven experience in flat-pack furniture assembly?

## VIEW FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM

Already we are well into the golfing season and the ladies are no exception when it comes to playing lots of competition golf. Our Club Captain, Paul has brought it to my attention that he and many gentlemen have mentioned that they have no idea what competitions we play and with this in mind, I thought a resume might enlighten all members.

We have our own committee, consisting of Lady Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, external competitions co-ordinator and friendly organiser. This committee reports to the Club committee.

External Competitions consist of:

All England: Mixed Ping - Singles Ping - Australian Spoons

R & A: Coronation Foursomes

Charity: Charles Heeley (singles stableford)

All the above require qualifying rounds at Wishaw.

NAPGC: National Association of Proprietary and Public Golf Courses

Whitewebs (4 ladies playing aggregate stableford)

Toprock Bowl (Greensome pairs)

Ladies Matchplay (Pairs betterball)

All matches are drawn by the NAPGC.

UKPCC Singles Stableford (Qualifier held at Wishaw)

This year we are playing in the Inter-Club Mixed Championship consisting of 5 mixed pairs. In the first round we were drawn away against Moor Hall which we won and in the second round we were drawn at home against Walmley which we also won. The next round is away to Leominster GC which will be played on 17th July.

Friendlies: We play numerous local courses.

We still find time to play in all our Club Majors, Knockouts and fun competitions which makes for a very busy season, especially when there are so few of us.

This year we entered four teams in the Toprock Bowl and one team has won through to the National Semi-Finals, played at a neutral venue. Well done and congratulations to Anita and Kai. Good luck in the next round.

Two teams entered the Ladies Matchplay but unfortunately both have been unsuccessful in going through.

Two teams entered in the Whitewebbs with one team still playing.

## VIEW FROM THE LADIES' LOCKER ROOM...continued

Coronation Foursomes well done and congratulations to Gina and Kerry who will represent Wishaw in the Area Final.

Australian Spoons congratulations to Carmel and Chris who qualified for the Area Final.

Friendlies results: Played three, won one, lost one and a draw.

Besides all the above, we run a Birdie Tree throughout the golfing season and the eclectic and par bar is run throughout the winter.

I'm sure you will agree we are a very busy section and without our committee's hard work and commitment we wouldn't be able to play in as many competitions.

I hope the above gives you all a little insight into the Ladies' Section.

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ

Answer 1. *Lakeview.*

Answer 2. *15th green looking back at the tee.*

Answer 3. *Lee Westwood.*

Answer 4. *Angel Cabrera.*

Answer 5. *Fred Couples.*

Answer 6. *1904*

Answer 7. *The Masters.*

Answer 8. *Italy.*

Answer 9. *California.*

Answer 10. *Sandwich.*



# SENIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello, my name is Kevin Daly and I am the Wishaw Golf Club Seniors Captain.

I have been requested to complete an article on the first few months of my Captaincy.

Paul Williams the Club Captain has explained how the Seniors are run. It is in the Captains Log Vol 2 page 4, and is well worth a read.

As Paul has mentioned the Seniors play 14 Inter Club matches home and away, travelling north to Mickelover in Derbyshire and south to Whitefields between Coventry and Rugby. To date we have played 11 matches winning 3 and losing 8. We are currently on a losing streak of 5 matches.

The Seniors play 6 rounds of Senior Player of the Year (SPOTY). Three rounds are played at Wishaw and three away. The three away days are chosen by the Captain, Treasurer and the Secretary. After completing all six rounds, the players eliminate their worst two rounds, only their best four rounds count, this then gives us our SPOTY. After two rounds of SPOTY the leader at present is Stuart Thompson on 66 points.

The Captain's away day was played at Willesley Park, Ashby de la Zouch and the Treasurer's away day will be played at Walmley Golf Club in July.

The Secretary's away day will be played at Ullesthorpe Golf Club Leicestershire.

Finally, the Seniors have an Open in September and seniors from other courses are encouraged to enter. To qualify as a Senior you have to be 55 or over.

## MAJOR COMPETITION WINNERS SO FAR IN 2022

Trophy	Winner	Runner-Up
Alderwick Trophy	Phillip Weighall Rod Scott	Sam Knowles Robert Powell
Graham Hadley Cup	Adam Turner	Rod Scott
Members' Memorial	William Hiddleston	Nathan Barratt
Academy Foursomes	Andrew Newcombe Dean Suffolk	David Meakin John Maiden

Major competition results will be published in each edition of the Newsletter as they are played. If you have won a Major, could you please let me know whether you would like glassware or shop vouchers for your Presentation Night award. Runners-up will receive a medal.

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## WELFARE OFFICER UPDATE

The day after my latest Welfare Letter, I was stood on the tee ready to start my round when a 'lonely golfer' walked up minus his 3 playing partners. As a three-ball ourselves, we invited him to make up the 4-ball. Walking down the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway, we got talking and our 'lonely golfer' preceded to explain that he playing companions had, inexplicably, cancelled just minutes earlier. Additionally, he went on to highlight our request to join us was timely, given that he had just the day before been reading the email from the Welfare Officer. We revelled in the irony when I explained that I was in fact the welfare officer and author. The golf was nothing more than average, the chat and banter definitely above par and we shook as new golf friends on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. The moral of the story is that you never know whether you are the 3-ball with a space, or the lonely golfer with a desire to play golf with new people.

Additionally, we are moving into the Summer Period of Golf. This is traditionally a busy period with many people able to play not only on their normal days/times but also at different times. It is a useful time to remind all golfers of some basic golfing etiquette: if your ball is heading off in a direction that you never intended, please shout 'fore'; if you're hitting the ball to places where Wishaw have placed golf course ball magnets think about playing a provisional to keep play moving; a polite reminder that some single and double matches are being played and may well be pacier than the friendly 4-ball, so please let them play through when safe to do so and finally, let's keep our games moving freely - we all love the game of golf and we have a collective duty to keep our game and that of the group moving along the course at a good pace. Happy Golfers = Happy Club. Good luck to all taking part in club competitions, captains' competitions and friendly golf.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The club is still committed to developing its Junior Section. After some good initial taster sessions earlier in the year and some follow on sessions, we decided to take stock of the provision on offer. We have agreed that we need further involvement from our resident Golf Professional, Alan Partridge to give the Junior Programme the credence that will make it a success. We have a programme curriculum endorsed by England Golf, providing a 'Passport to Golf' for Junior Golfers of all ages and ability. We plan to get the programme back up and running over the summer, utilising the Club's Link with The Golf Academy at Sutton Coldfield College. More information to follow ...

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE ... Continued

Incidentally, Junior Captain, Sam Knowles was recently named as the **AoC Sport Midlands Order of Merit Winner**. The Golf Academy, open to young people (16-25) on Full and Part Time Courses at Sutton Coldfield College is based at our Golf Club and attracts players across the region. The team reached 3 National Finals, playing above their National Rankings on every occasion. Chloe Williamson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2 of the Finals, picking up the Silver Medal on both occasions. Sam was named as Golfer of the Year at the College Sports Awards and The Golf Academy named as the college's Sports Team of the Year.

## FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hopefully, everyone now realises that the Newsletter is back and you are enjoying reading it every 3 months.

It would be great to have feedback, positive or negative and we would appreciate any ideas for articles that you would like to see. We will do our best to accommodate any reasonable requests.

Thanks to all this quarter's contributors who have given such interesting and varied items to the Newsletter.

If you would like to submit an article that you think would be of interest to other members of the Golf Club, please let me have it in time for the next edition which will be published at the end of September.

Feedback and articles should be sent to: [secretary@wishawgc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wishawgc.co.uk)